

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document processing system comprising:
document retaining means for retaining a
document and a folder to which the document belongs;
candidate folder determining means for
determining a candidate folder suitable for retaining a
new document by comparing the new document with a
feature of the folder;

notifying means for notifying the candidate
folder determined by said candidate folder determining
means; and

updating means for updating the feature of the
folder in response to saving the new document in the
candidate folder.

2. A document processing system according to claim
1, wherein the feature of the folder is an average of
features of documents belonging to the folder.

3. A document processing system according to claim
1, wherein a plurality of candidate folders suitable
for saving the new document are ~~determined~~ ^{selected} and a list
of a plurality of ~~determined~~ ^{selected} candidate folders is
displayed.

4. A document processing system comprising:
judging means for judging a similarity degree

between document information and a plurality set of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means; and

notifying means for notifying the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated by said similarity order calculating means.

5. A document processing system comprising:

retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality set of document information;

determining means for determining a folder containing a larger amount of document information matching an input search condition; and

notifying means for notifying the folder determined by said determining means.

6. A document processing system according to claim 5, wherein the search condition is a keyword.

7. A document processing system according to claim 6, wherein said determining means determines the folder on the assumption that a document containing a keyword matching the search condition is coincident.

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8. A document processing system according to claim 5, wherein said ~~determining~~ *selecting* means ~~determines~~ *selects* the folder through statistical estimation using the number of information sets of documents belonging to the folder and the number of documents matching the search condition.

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9. A document processing method comprising the steps of:

10 retaining a document and a folder to which the document belongs;

determining a candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing the new document with a feature of the folder;

15 notifying the candidate folder determined at said candidate folder determining step; and

updating the feature of the folder in response to saving the new document in the candidate folder.

20 10. A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality set of information of documents stored in a folder;

25 calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity degree judged at said judging step; and

notifying the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated at said similarity order calculating step.

- 5 11. A document processing method comprising the steps of:

 retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality set of document information;

- determining a folder containing a larger
10 amount of document information matching an input search condition; and

 notifying the folder determined at said determining step.

- 15 12. A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

 retaining a document and a folder to which the document belongs;

- determining a candidate folder suitable for
20 retaining a new document by comparing the new document with a feature of the folder;

 notifying the candidate folder determined at said candidate folder determining step; and

- updating the feature of the folder in response
25 to saving the new document in the candidate folder.

13. A computer readable storage medium storing

programs executing the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality set of information of documents stored in a folder;

5 calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity degree judged at said judging step; and

notifying the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated at said similarity order calculating step.

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14. A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality set of document information;

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determining a folder containing a larger amount of document information matching an input search condition; and

notifying the folder determined at said determining step.

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